



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 1

Meeting Date: September 25, 2007

Meeting Location: Lake County Juvenile Justice Center
3000 West 93rd Avenue
Crown Point Indiana 46307

Council Members Present: Jane Bisbee, Rita Daniels, Alfred Fisher, Deborah Harris, Cynthia Kambesis, Henry Mosley, Charlotte Peller, Annette Smith, Diane Weiss Bradley, Lynda Wheeler

Council Members Absent: Richard Ban, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Glenn Commons, Melanie Cox, Jeffrey Miller, John Sedia, Elizabeth Teagarden, Lavetta Wade

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm as we had a quorum.

The July minutes were reviewed and approved by council members.
There was no meeting in August.

Handouts included the list of the agencies that were approved for grants and the monies spent to date. We will contact the grantees and inform them to bill for the monies if they have not already done so. It was noted that Kendall Martin is the new director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana.

Lake County has received an additional \$54,185.00 for use in State Fiscal year which is 7/1/07 thru 6/30/08. The Council has two ways to use these monies. The Council can allocate now with 2007 or add to the monies for 2008. Mr. Mosley made a motion to add these funds to the 2008 grant allocations. Motion seconded by Ms. Kambesis and approved by Council.

Ms. Bisbee then began the discussion for the 2008 Child Welfare Service Funds and the Requests for Proposals. Lake will again have \$725,000 for services. Council members were provided with a copy of the description of the 2008 Notification of Requests for Services for Prevention of child abuse and neglect. Proposals must be submitted and date stamped no later than 4:30 pm on November 1 to Ms. Bisbee's office. Proposals should include services to address the gaps in prevention identified by the council in the prevention plan approved March 27, 2007. When the Council meets on November 27, 2007, the Council will begin to review and approve. By then we will also have the reports from the agencies who received grants in 2007. This will aid in determining allocations for 2008. We cannot limit the number of proposals, only the deadline to submit and the amount allocated. As the RSC is a public meeting interested parties should attend if they are interested in the discussion on why a proposal is approved and why it is not. The RSC members present determined that when 2008 proposals are received, the executive summary on each proposal, the section describing the services, will be annotated and/or highlighted by DCS staff to note where the proposal meets the gaps as identified in the prevention plan. This will assist council members in reading the proposals.

For 2009, a more formal needs assessment of gaps will need to be done. A motion was made to amend the 2007 needs assessment of gaps in prevention services to include 2008. It was seconded and approved by the Council. A copy of the prevention plan approved on March 27, 2007 on the website will state the plan was amended on September 25, 2007 to include the year 2008.

In October, the agenda will include discussion on the reports received from the agencies on the services provided in 2007. If no report is received the agency will be contacted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

The next meeting will be October 30, 2007 at 3:30 pm